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II. a cap/cover means for covering and sealing the well in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

43. In a device, having:

I. a cartridge/cassette having a broad, lateral face (1a), a narrow, lateral face (1b), and a narrow end face (1c);

A. the cartridge/cassette containing

i. a test strip for the immunoassay method called antigen-antibody competitive binding to test a urine sample for drug use,

ii. a window in the broad, lateral face for viewing test results and, separate from the window,

iii. a well in the broad, lateral face to serve for deposit of the sample;
the improvement comprising:

II. a cap/cover means for covering and sealing the well in a fluid tight relationship following deposit of the sample.

44. A method of using a device as claimed in claim 43 to test for drug use, comprising the steps of dropping a urine sample into the well and then covering and sealing the well with the cap/cover means in a fluid tight relationship.

REMARKS

The action mailed 02/22/00 has been received and its contents carefully noted.

The rejection of claims 25 and 26 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is the same